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SUBJ: ZAMYATIN ON THE TRADE BILL

1. SUMMARY. IN THE MOST AUTHORITATIVE COMMENTARY TO
APPEAR SINCE PASSAGE OF THE TRADE BILL, TASS DIRECTOR
LEONID ZAMYATIN CALLS THE NEW RESTRICTIONS WORSE
THAN THE OLD ONES, AND IMPLIES THAT THE SOVIET UNION
MAY CONTINUE TO HOLD OFF ON PAYING ITS LENDLEASE
DEBTS UNTIL A BILL MORE TO ITS LIKING IS PASSED.

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ZAMYATIN DISCUSSES THE AMENDMENTS IN CONSIDERABLE

DETAIL, NOTING THAT "SOME CONGRESSMEN" HAD ACTED AS THOUGH AN UNDERSTANDING ON THE NUMBER OF SOVIET CITIZENS WHICH SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE HAD BEEN REACHED. SENATOR JACKSON IS ATTACKED BY NAME SEVERAL TIMES. END SUMMARY.

2. IN MOST AUTHORITATIVE COMMENTARY TO APPEAR SO FAR ON THE TRADE BILL, TASS DIRECTOR LEONID ZAMYATIN, WRITING IN THE DECEMBER 28 SOVIETSKAYA ROSSIYA, STATED THAT WHILE THE PROCESS OF IMPROVEMENT IN U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS HAS "ALREADY BROUGHT WITH IT SIGNIFICANT RESULTS," "ANOTHER PROCESS" IS NOW NOTICEABLE IN THE U.S. OPPONENTS OF DETENTE HAVE CHOSEN TO ATTACK U.S.-SOVIET ECONOMIC AND TRADE COOPERATION IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT SUCH COOPERATION, ESPECIALLY ON A LONG-TERM BASIS, CAN SERVE AS A SOLID BASIS FOR AN IMPROVEMENT IN ALL RELATIONS. ZAMYATIN NAMES SENATOR JACKSON AS THE "TOWN CRIER" FOR THE OFFENDING AMENDMENTS, WHICH HE NOTES GIVE THE SOCIALIST STATES NONDISCRIMINATORY STATUS IN TRADE FOR ONLY A LIMITED PERIOD -- 18 MONTHS. AFTER THIS PERIOD CONGRESS WILL DECIDE WHETHER IT SHOULD BE EXTENDED BY JUDGING FROM CONDITIONS FOR EMIGRATION FROM THE SOCIALIST STATES. "ONE HAS TO LOSE ALL SENSE OF REALITY TO GO TO SUCH ABSURDITIES" AS TURN A SIMPLE THING LIKE NONDISCRIMINATORY TRADE INTO AN EXCUSE FOR INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. ZAMYATIN AGAIN CASTIGATES SENATOR JACKSON FOR "PLACING HIS AMBITIONS IN THE INTER-PARTY POLITICAL STRUGGLE ABOVE NATIONAL INTERESTS...". "IT TURNS OUT THAT INSTEAD OF REMOVING THE EARLIER LIMITATIONS ON TRADE BORN OUT OF THE COLD WAR, LIMITS MANY TIMES WORSE ARE NOW BEING INTRODUCED... NOW COLD WAR ADVOCATES ARE IMPOSING LIMITATIONS WHICH TOUCH ON POLITICAL AFFAIRS AND WHICH IN ESSENCE CALL FOR DIRECT INTERFERENCE IN THE AFFAIRS OF OTHER NATIONS." ZAMYATIN WRITES FURTHER THAT "SEVERAL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS... ACTED AS THOUGH SOME UNDERSTANDING EXISTED BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE USSR ON THE PROPOSED NUMBER OF CITIZENS WHICH SHOULD LEAVE THE SOVIET UNION, AND AS IF SOME ASSURANCES HAD BEEN MADE ON THAT SUBJECT." ZAMYATIN ALSO UNDERLINES THAT THE GROMYKO LETTER WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. AFTER EXPLAINING THAT THE AMENDMENTS ARE A VIOLATION OF THE LANGUAGE OF THE TRADE AGREEMENT WHICH STATES THAT MFN WILL BE AFFORDED UNCONDITIONALLY TO BOTH SIDES, ZAMYATIN STATES: "UNDER THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, NON-FULFILLMENT BY ONE SIDE OF OBLIGATIONS WHICH IT HAS ASSUMED CANNOT FAIL TO BE

REFLECTED IN THE OBLIGATIONS WHICH THE OTHER SIDE HAS
TAKEN ON ITSELF IN THE GENERAL COMPLEX OF COMMERCIAL-
FINANCIAL AGREEMENTS."

4. FURTHER SOVIET COMMENTARY ON THE TRADE BILL WILL
BE REPORTED SEPARATELY.
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